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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

It will be recalled that, in my report of 3 March 1992 to the Security Council (S/23671) on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II), I indicated that the joint Government and UNITA police monitoring in Angola which was to be verified by UNAVEM police observers had not, at that time, effectively started. I also noted that further requirements for personnel and equipment might emerge and that I would address the appropriate bodies again if the need should arise.

I have recently been informed by my Special Representative for Angola that noticeable progress has been made in implementing this aspect of the Peace Accords and that three joint police monitoring groups have been established in each of 18 Angolan provinces. This has made it possible to determine whether the current strength of UNAVEM II police contingent is adequate for its tasks. My Special Representative has come to the conclusion that it is necessary to expand UNAVEM II's police strength in each province of Angola from four police officers to six. She also believes it important to expand tasks presently assigned to the UNAVEM II police contingent (S/22627, para. 11 (b)) to include a role in the Mission's electoral tasks through monitoring rallies during the political campaign and observing the registration process and polling stations at the time of the elections at the end of September 1992.

For these reasons I recommend that the police strength of UNAVEM II should be increased from 90 to 126 officers.

The additional funds required for these extra personnel, estimated at $1.175 million, will be included in the budget for UNAVEM II which is shortly to be submitted to the General Assembly. Some of the additional costs will be found from savings resulting from delays in the deployment of some of the Mission's electoral personnel.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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